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SUBJECT: CAMBODIAN EVACUEES

REF: A) PHNOM PENH 5901, B) BANGKOK 5944, C) STATE 80168,
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1. WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY PHNOM PENH POSITION THAT
EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO FACILITATE THE REUNIFICATION
OF FAMILIES OF PRINCIPALS STUDYING IN THE US UNDER USG
SPONSORSHIP. WE FULLY UNDERSTAND AND SHARE EMBASSY'S
WISH NOT TO TRIGGER A PANIC WITH A MASS EXODUS OF PEOPLE
NEVERTHELESS WE ARE SENSITIVE TO THE NEED SPELLED OUT IN
PARA. 6 OF PHNOM PENH 5091 CONCERNING THOSE WHO MIGHT
BECOME SEPARATED SHOULD CAMBODIA COLLAPSE.

2. MANY CAMBODIANS WHO WISH TO LEAVE NOW MAY DECIDE TO
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RETURN LATER DEPENDING ON THE OUTCOME OF EVENTS. WE BELIEVE

THAT EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO LET THEM STAY IN THAILAND FOR AT LEAST SEVERAL WEEKS PENDING CLARIFICATION OF THE SITUATION IN CAMBODIA. WE CAN ASSURE THE RTG THAT WE WILL PROVIDE SUBSISTENCE FOR THOSE REFUGEES IN THE INTERIM AND THAT IF THEY DO NOT RETURN TO CAMBODIA WE WILL, IN THE CASES WHERE RELATIVES CANNOT PAY, UNDERWRITE THEIR ONWARD MOVEMENT. FYI: POSSIBLE MOVEMENT TO U.S. IS UNDER CONSIDERATION. END FYI.

3. RE REFTEL D) EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM MACTHAI THAT ABOVE GUIDELINE APPLIES TO MILITARY TRAINEES IN THAILAND.
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